

District Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CARMEN TAGEANT,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL ASHBY,

Defendant.

Case No. 19-cv-1082-JLR

STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED ORDER~~  
TO HOLD INITIAL DISCOVERY  
DEADLINES IN ABEYANCE

Noted on Motion Calendar:  
08/29/2019

**JOINT STIPULATION**

Plaintiff CARMEN TAGEANT, filed the above-captioned lawsuit in Whatcom County Superior Court claiming assault, battery, and infliction of emotional distress against Defendant MICHAEL ASHBY. Compl., Dkt. 1. The UNITED STATES removed the case to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679(d)(3) after Defendant Ashby filed a motion in the state court seeking certification that he was acting as a federal employee acting in the scope of his employment at the time of the underlying incident for the purposes of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Removal Not., Dkt. 1.

Defendant Ashby filed the motion for certification of employment in this Court on July 17, 2019. Dkt. 6. The Court scheduled a hearing on the motion for September 5, 2019. Depending on the outcome of the motion, the United States or Defendant Ashby will be the

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1 named defendant to this action. On August 16, 2019, the Court issued an order with deadlines  
2 regarding initial disclosures, joint status report, and early settlement. Order, Dkt. 17. Because  
3 the motion for certification of employment is still pending, and for good cause, the parties, by  
4 and through their counsel of record, hereby STIPULATE AND AGREE, and respectfully request  
5 that the Court hold the initial discovery deadlines in abeyance until Defendant's motion for  
6 certification of employment is decided by the Court.

7 Dated this 29th day of August, 2019.

8 Respectfully,

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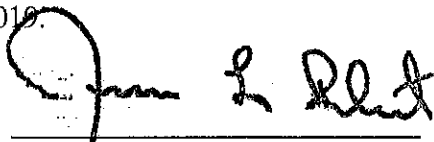
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

The parties having so stipulated and agreed, it is hereby **SO ORDERED**. The Clerk is directed to send copies of the Order to all counsel of record.

DATED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



JAMES L. ROBART

United States District Judge